

Appl. No. 10/005,743
Response dated Sept. 1, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 23, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Claim 13 is presented for Examiner Salvatore's consideration. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of cancelled claim 14.

Claims 1 – 12 and 14 - 15 have been cancelled.

Regarding Examiner's Rejections

Claims 1-12 and 14 -15 have been cancelled. The rejections of these claims have been addressed in previous responses from Applicants' representative and are not addressed here.

Rejection for anticipation by Shelly et al.

By way of the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, claims 1 – 8, 10, 11 and 13 - 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Shelley et al. (U.S. 2002/0089079 A1). This rejection is respectfully **traversed** with respect to claim 13. Claims 1 – 8, 10, 11 and 14 – 15 have been cancelled and the rejection with regard to these claims is not addressed here.

While Shelley discusses helically crimped homofilament nonwovens and its application as the loop portion of hook and loop fasteners [0039, 0040], Applicants' representative has been unable to find any reference within Shelley to bonding such a material with a point unbonded pattern as claimed in claim 13.

Because Shelley et al. fails to disclose each and every element of the Applicants' claim, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 13, particularly as amended, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is improper and should be withdrawn.

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For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Applicants' claims are in form for allowance.

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